



Office of the Webb County Judge

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The global epidemic of HIV infection and AIDS requires a worldwide effort to increase communication, education and united action to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and,

WHEREAS, The joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) observes December 1 of each year as World AIDS Day, a day to expand and strengthen worldwide efforts to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and,

WHEREAS, UNAIDS estimates that over 40 million people worldwide are currently living with HIV/AIDS, with young people under the age of 25 accounting for more than half of all new infections; and,

WHEREAS, the American Association for World Health is encouraging a better understanding of the challenge of HIV/AIDS nationally as it recognizes that the number of people diagnosed with HIV and AIDS in the United States continues to increase, with up to 950,000 people in the U.S. now infected; and,

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day provides an opportunity to focus local, national and international attention on HIV infection and AIDS and to disseminate information on how to prevent the spread of HIV; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated 950,000 people in the United States are currently living with HIV and AIDS, with 40,000 new infections every year and women now make up half of all people living with HIV worldwide. The World AIDS Day 2004 theme, "Women, Girls, HIV and AIDS," focuses on how the effects of HIV/AIDS have significantly increase among women. This annual global event is dedicated to remember the victims of AIDS, learning more about the devastating effects of the disease around the world, and reaffirming the commitment to fight it by preventing new infections, promoting equal access to treatment and mitigating the impact of AIDS; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that I, Louis H. Bruni, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Webb County Judge, and on behalf of the Webb County Commissioner's Court, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2004 as:

"WORLD AIDS DAY"

In Webb County, Texas and urge all citizens to take part in activities and observances designed to increase awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS as a global challenge, to take part in HIV/AIDS prevention activities and programs, and to join the global effort to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Official Seal of **Webb County, Texas**, to be affixed on this **01st day of December, 2004**.

The Honorable Louis H. Bruni
Webb County Judge